

# Congressional Art Competition

## Student Guidelines 2009

### General Guidelines

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in one building.
  - Entries should be submitted by photograph
- Entries should be submitted by photograph. No more than two photographs may be submitted per artwork for judging. Photographs can be submitted either via email to Lauren.Flynn@mail.house.gov or by U.S. mail to Congressman Greg Walden's Medford office by **April 24, 2009**.
  - Mail to:  
Attn: Grace Kalista  
843 E. Main, Suite 400  
Medford, Oregon 97504  
(800) 533-3303
- The single overall winner will need to plan to have their framed artwork to Congressman Walden's Medford office no later than May 27, 2009 (please see the "Framing Guidelines" on the following page). The winner will be contacted by Congressman Walden's office prior to this date.
- Additionally, the four Runners-Up must also have their artwork framed to the appropriate framing guidelines so their artwork can be displayed in Congressman Walden's Bend, Medford, La Grande, or Washington, D.C. offices (please see the "Framing Guidelines" on the following page). As winners are announced, Congressman Walden's office will coordinate with them on framing, shipping, etc.
- In order to allow the winning artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
  - All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, which are included in this packet.
  - Artwork must conform to the restrictions:
    - Artwork must be two-dimensional
    - Each piece can be **no larger** than 30"x30"x4" (30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
    - Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol and Congressman Walden's offices for the **entire year** of the exhibition. Students, therefore, should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

- Artwork categories are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - Collage: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, etc.
  - Computer generated art
  - Photography
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. A copy of the Student Release form is included in this information packet.

## **Framing Guidelines**

**(Framing applies only to those with winning artwork)**

- **All artwork must be framed.** Frames should be kept as simple and sturdy as possible. Metal frames are recommended. No “snap on” frames with glass are to be used.
- All artwork must be protected by Plexiglas or glass. Plexiglas is preferred. If glass is used, cover the entire surface completely with masking tape prior to shipping.
- All works, **including frame**, should be **no larger** than 30 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 4 inches deep, and 15lbs in weight. *This includes the outside dimensions of the frame.* Please double check size before sending the entry to Washington, DC. Framed work larger than the specified dimensions will be turned away.
- Matting can enhance or detract from a work of art and should be carefully prepared.
- Use sturdy picture hangers on the back of the frame. Two sturdy eye hooks should be attached at the right and the left sides of the back of the work for hanging in order to prevent the work from leaning forward or hanging unevenly. Do not put wire between the hooks for hanging, these will be added when the artwork is hung in the Capitol.
- Do not attach labels, ribbon, etc. to the front of the piece or underneath the glass or Plexiglas.
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside which side is “up” with arrows.
- As directed by the House Oversight and Standards of Official Conduct Committees, *each district winner is responsible for framing his or her own entry.* Any hardship cases should be brought to the attention of Lauren Flynn in Congressman Greg Walden’s office at (202) 226-7341 or by email at Lauren.Flynn@mail.house.gov.
- A typed copy of the Student Information & Release Form **must be** securely attached to the back of the artwork.

## **Suitability**

- The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2009 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.